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1. APPRECIATE REFTELS. WE WOULD LIKE TO FIRM UP SPECIFIC
DATES FOR MEETING, IF POSSIBLE, AND YOU SHOULD INFORM
MOST OFFICIALS THAT WE THEREFORE WOULD APPRECIATE
CONFIRMATION THAT DATES OF MAY 4-5 ARE ACCEPTABLE TO ROK.

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2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY IRVING WILL HEAD U.S. SIDE, AND WILL BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS. ON THIS BASIS, WE ASSUME MINISTER CHOI WILL PARTICIPATE. PLEASE CONFIRM, AND ADVISE PROBABLE COMPOSITION OF ROK GROUP.

3. WE ASSUME REF B PROVIDED ADEQUATE BASIS FOR RESPONSE TO ROK REQUEST FOR OUR VIEWS ON SUBSTANCE OF DISCUSSIONS. AS MADE CLEAR IN THAT MESSAGE, WE REGARD CONTENT OF UPCOMING MEETING TO BE EXPLICITLY LIMITED BY AGREED RECORD OF KRATZER-CHOI DISCUSSIONS. ACCORDINGLY, WE DO NOT BELIEVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED, AND SOME MISUNDERSTANDING MIGHT ENSUE, BY FURTHER DELAY TO ALLOW USG TO ASSEMBLE BETTER PACKAGE THAN CAN NOW BE OFFERED", SINCE THERE IS NO DISPOSITION ON PART OF U.S.

TO DO SO. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF KOREANS WISH TO DEFER MEETING FOR REASONS OF CONVENIENCE, AND ON CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT CONTENT OF MEETING, REGARDLESS OF WHEN HELD, IS ALREADY DEFINED, WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN PRESSING THEM TO MEET AT EARLIER DATE THAN THEY PREFER.

4. WHILE THERE REMAINS NO POSSIBILITY OF CONCESSIONAL AID FOR PROJECTS WHICH MOST HAS DESCRIBED TO EMBASSY, WE WILL BE PREPARED AT MEETING TO EXPLAIN AID REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN CENTRALLY FUNDED AID PROJECTS.

5. AS EMBASSY ALSO AWARE FROM REF C, DEPT BELIEVES IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIOUS POSSIBLE AREAS OF BROADENED COOPERATION SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON PHASED BASIS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE INTEND TO LIMIT DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM B, (GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR S & T COOPERATION) TO DEVELOPMENT OF, OR SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON, AGREED TEXT, WITHOUT, HOWEVER, PROCEEDING TO SIGN AGREEMENT ON OCCASION OF MEETING. AS EVIDENCE OF CONCRETE RESULTS, WE WILL BE PREPARED TO CONCLUDE ARRANGEMENT ON EXTENSION OF THE SISTER LABORATORY AGREEMENT. WE HAVE EVERY INTENTION OF HOLDING USEFUL, SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON EACH OF PROPOSED TOPICS, BUT REMAIN TROUBLED BY CONTINUING INDICATIONS OF ROK EXPECTATIONS WHICH EXCEED THE FRAMEWORK DEVELOPED IN SEOUL DISCUSSIONS. EMBASSY'S CONTINUED
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ASSISTANCE IN OVERCOMING THESE EXPECTATIONS WILL BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

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